

## DEGREE COURSE IN INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

The Degree Course in International Science and Diplomatic Relations, which belongs to Class 15 of the degrees offered in political science and international relations, is unique in the sense that the program offers such a wide range of rich, and yet specific courses that even students from other fields of study are attracted to these offerings. As a premier degree course of its type in Italy, the Degree Course aims to enable students to develop cultural, professional and methodological skills which will prepare them to carry out complex professional assignments as well as political, historical, economic and social research.

Great importance is given to the acquisition of linguistic competence, both in terms of cultural and practical fluency in various languages. Comparative studies and in-depth exploration of diverse cultures are also a priority as these are indispensable to any position in the realm of international relations.

The Course is enriched by certified seminars, lectures and special events. Other opportunities include the participation in external courses and internships in both national and international organizations.

The Degree Course in International and Diplomatic Relations has been restructured within the limits of the “Moratti legislative measures” to conform to the University Reform. Nonetheless, our most important resolve has been to maintain its didactic and formative core which characterises the uniqueness of our programme.

After the first three years of study and completion of the first-level Diploma, students may choose between three different specialization courses leading to the *Laurea Specialistica in Scienze Internazionali e Diplomatiche* (Specialization Degree Course in International and Diplomatic Relations):

- the Political-Diplomatic curriculum
- the International Economics curriculum
- the Extra-European curriculum.

The Political-Diplomatic curriculum is designed to develop transferable professional skills imperative not only to the arena of national and international political-diplomatic relations, but within the business and industry markets as well.

The International Economics curriculum prepares students to work in the field of national and international business, and in both public and private enterprises.

The Extra-European curriculum grants students the opportunity to become acquainted with the “real world” and to learn about the social, political and juridical institutions belonging to the great extra-European cultures, religions and civilizations with particular focus on Africa and Asia.

The Degree Course is intended not only for future diplomats and international managers, but also for professionals in the realm of international cooperation and cultural mediation.

The five-year program of study should be seen as a holistic completion of a student’s academic objectives. The administrative division of a three-year diploma and two-year specialization course provides a focused opportunity for further professional development.